Name of Scheme	%of work completed	Anticipated date of completion
Kottayam Sub-urban Panchayats	80	Dec. 1992
Puthencruz & adjoining Panchayats	87	June, 1992
Greater Cochin Deployment Area	63	March 1994

(c) There is no additional proposal for Kottaryam District. However, in Ernakulam District, water supply improvement to Cochin Corporatin has been proposed under a separate project for World Bank assistance.

Rationalisation of Coal Allocation

4554. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to rationalism coal allocation to non-core sectors;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to affect large scheme of small and medium scale coal consumption in the private sector;

(c) if so, whether any meeting was held between the coal representatives and the Union Government on December 23, 1991 to sort-out the problems;

(d) if so, whether the Government have not agreed to their requests;

(a) if so, whether any changes are being considered in the plan to rationalise coal allocation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL(SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (f) Distribution policy for coal requires periodical reviews to adjust to the changing patterns of demand and supply in order to maximise consumer satisfaction. Such reviews are conducted as and when necessary and it may not be possible to indicate a time limit for conducting such reviews and effecting changes consequent to the reviews. Meetings have been held with various coal consumers from time to time to ascertain their views regarding improvements in distribution policy of coal. One such meeting was held with consumers on 23.12.1991. The views expressed in this meeting have been noted.

Cartelisation by cement companies

4555. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MADAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be please to state:

(a) whether some cement companies have been charged of forming a Cartel; and under -utilising their production capacity by 50 per cent as reported in the Financial Express dated February 29, 1992;

(b) the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the government thereto; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken in this regard to ensure that the production capacity of the white cement manufacturing units is fully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The matter is receiving the attention of MRTP Commission.

(d) White Cement is a delicensed item and its production is determined by the demand position.

In the Budget for 1992-93, the basic excise dirty on white cement has been reduced from 40% to 5%.

Rate of Industrial growth

4556. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the over-all rate of growth between April 1991 and March 31 1992 in industrial production;

(b) the names of industrial sectors which have shown a ligher rate of growth;

(c) the names of industrial sectors which have shown a lower rate of growth; and

(d) the measures takes by the Government to improve the industrial rate of growth during year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) According to the latest Index of Industrial Production as compiled by the Central Statistical Organisation the overall rate of growth during April-November. 1991 over April-November 1990 was -0.8%.

(b) and (c). a statement in enclosed.

(d) Government has brought out a statement on a statement on Industrial Poilcy which was tabled in the Lok Sabha on 24th July 1991. The New Industrial Policy is aimed at improving industrial production by relaxing controls and removing bureaucratic delays. Many policy measures announced in the UnionBudget for 1992-93 are designed to promote industrial gowith. Thus, measures like partial convertibility of the rupees, reduction of duties on capital goods, and elimination of import licensing except for a small negative list, etc would facilitate easier availability of raw materials, components etc while measures like reduction in statutory liquidity ratio and reduction in interest rate would facilitate easier availability of funds at lower cost for industrial development.